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51. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the performance level of the data processing system will not be increased after the maximum cumulative time allowed by the option has been exceeded.

52. (Newly Presented) The method of claim 50, wherein the performance level of the data processing system will be returned to the initial performance level when the maximum cumulative time allowed by the option has been exceeded.

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Remarks

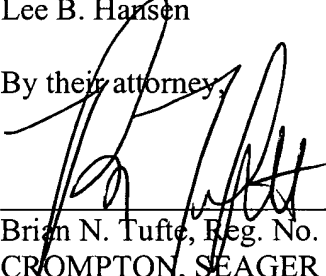
Applicant requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and considered before the first Office Action on the merits. Any inquiry regarding this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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